

REMARKS

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action mailed June 7, 2007. Applicant submits concurrently herewith (1) a Petition for Extension of Time for two months up to and including November 7, 2007; and (2) a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Form.

Claims 1-18 were pending in the application. In the Office Action mailed June 7, 2007, claims 1-18 have been rejected. In the instant Amendment, claims 1-10 and 12-18 have been canceled, without prejudice, claim 11 has been amended, and new claims 19-32 have been added. Upon entry of the instant Amendment, claims 11 and 19-32 will be pending in the application.

Claim 11 has been amended to recite that the standardized bee venom preparation is substantially free of bacteria or viruses. Support for the amendment is found in the specification at page 4, paragraph [0010]. Claim 11 has also been amended to delete the recitation that the filter is 25 mcm or less.

Support for claims 19-25 is found in the specification at page 4, paragraph [0010]. Support for claims 26-29 is found in the specification at page 4, paragraph [0010]; page 10, paragraph [0024]; and page 13, paragraphs [0030]-[0032]. Support for claims 30-32 is found in the specification at page 13, paragraphs [0030]-[0032].

No new matter has been added by these amendments. Entry of the foregoing amendments and consideration of the following remarks are respectfully requested.

THE OBJECTION TO THE CLAIMS

Claim 15 has been objected to for a typographical error in the recited unit. Since claim 15 has been canceled, the objection is obviated.

THE REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-9 and 11-18 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Steigerwaldt et al., 1966, *Industrial Medicine and Surgery* XXXV:1045-1049 ("Steigerwaldt"). Since claims 1-9 and 12-18 have been canceled, the rejection of these claims is obviated. Claim 11 has been amended to recite that the standardized bee venom preparation is substantially free of bacteria or viruses. Steigerwaldt does not teach that its bee venom preparation is substantially free of bacteria or viruses. Thus, claim 11 is not anticipated by Steigerwaldt. Withdrawal of the rejection of claim 11 is respectfully requested.

THE REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-10 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Steigerwaldt in view of Simics, *American Bee Journal*, Feb. 1996, 107-109 ("Simics"). Since claims 1-10 have been canceled, the rejection is obviated.

THE REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112, Second Paragraph

Claim 15 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Since claim 15 has been canceled, the rejection is obviated.

THE REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112, First Paragraph

Claims 1-10 and 13-14 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as containing new matter. Since claims 1-10 and 13-14 have been canceled, the rejection is obviated.

In the Office Action, the Examiner also indicated that the recitation of "25 mcm or less filter" in claim 11 is not supported by the specification (see, Office Action, page 10). Although Applicant disagrees with the Examiner, since claim 11 has been amended to delete the recitation, the rejection is obviated.

Applicant respectfully submits that the newly added claims 19-32 are not anticipated by Steigerwaldt or rendered obvious by Steigerwaldt in view of Simics. Favorable consideration and allowance of all of the pending claims are earnestly solicited.

If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe that such action can be taken at this time, it is respectfully requested that he/she telephone applicant's attorney at (908) 654-5000 in order to overcome any additional objections which he might have.

If there are any additional charges in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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